

KAPP Verners

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USA (?)

Historian of Baltic-German origin. Attended schools in Latvia; speaks Latvian. During the time of independent Latvia was engaged in espionage activity in Latvia for Germany. In 1939 employee at the UTAO which corporation settled the economical problems of Baltic Germans who moved at this time from Latvia to Germany; simultaneously he continued his espionage activity, mainly in organizing the stay-behinds for the Germans. In 1940/41 chief of the German espionage in Latvia directed against the Soviets; came twice illegally over from West Germany to Latvia, was supported here by Miss HERMELINE Z. (see her card 3742). The member of the NSDAP. During the German occupation Chief of the Political Division of the Generalcommissariat Latvia and member of the Department 6 at the NSDAP (reports on opinion, local resistance, investigation of persons, general outline of the Party etc.). Since the end of 1942 started to organize among the Russian POWs spies for military espionage behind the Russian front. In the fall of 1944 moved from Riga to Lithuania where he was one of the leaders of the German Abwehr; his office was located at Ulricha St.117. A specialist in this field. Consumed much alcohol. Fled to Germany before the capitulation. In 1949 lived in West Germany, US Zone (from a report by NKARTS Arturo; see KAPP's file).

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VIDVUDS SVEJCS
AKA: VALDEMARS

According to the story of OZOLS Janis' (see, file CCPIO 5005, Doc. A), the latter was contacted by V.KAPP first in Dec. 1940 and afterwards several times in matters of national underground supported by the German Abwahr; together with V.KAPP for the same agency was working at that time Sigurd BUCHARD (BURGARD ?). As far as C remembers, V.KAPP was also the immediate supervisor of FRIEDRICH RIKARDS during 1940/41; due to this connection F.RIKARDS was allowed to found his own investigating group in the fall of 1941 (Sondergruppe 3; later "Latvians", "Fertoteks"). When F.RIKARDS and his employees got arrested by the SD in March 1943, F.RIKARDS put much hopes on V.KAPP as an influential member of the NSDAP who sympathizes with the Latvian narritions; Mr. RIKARDS tried to get in touch with V.KAPP but the latter was at that time not in Latvia. According to VIDVUDS SVĒTS, the latter had an acquaintance, PLIEDERS (Valdemars !), in Ventspils in the fall of 1943, who tried to build a boat to escape to Sweden. This PLIEDERS told him that he has been recruited by V.KAPP to work as stay-behind and E/T operator; changed his mind and tried to flee to Sweden; got arrested by the SD and put in jail in Ventspils where V.KAPP visited him and was very cruel to him. (C).

X = VIDVUDS SVĒTS / []

X = RIKARDS []

STERNBORG Romans 1918 3787
Veronika, nee KRASTIŅA
son 1944
Edgars, father
Elza, nee ROMS, mother (deceased ab. 1951 in West Germany)
USSR

Teacher. His father was postmaster in Balduri, Riga's Jurmala. He attended the elementary school in Balduri 1926-32; then the Teachers' Institute in Riga (later in Cesis) up to ab. 1937. After graduating from it worked as teacher at the 8th(?) Municipal Grade School in Pārdaugava, Riga (together with Mrs. PEPPERS Aldona; see card 3785). Since ab. March 1942 employed at the "Latvian Kartotekā" in Riga; got arrested by the SD on 6. March 1943 but was released after a couple month. In summer 1943 got married to his former classmate, KRASTIŅA Veronika, from the rural community Zembe. At the same time got enrolled into the Latvian Legion and was assigned to the Hqs of the Inspector General under 1st Lt. VAIROGS Jānis (see card 3736). In summer 1944 was transferred to the Hqs of the Antibolshevistic Partisans; in the fall of 1944 moved with it to Kuldīga in Kurzeme where he worked at the Information Section under Lt. MITREVIČS Oskars (see card 117). After the capitulation in May 1945 remained as national partisan in the woods of Kurzeme; in Sep. 1944 went under false documents to Riga in order to organize there a national underground. According to VALDEMĀRS (as told in 1948) was captured by the MVD in spring 1946 in Pārdaugava

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and sentenced to death or 25 years of hard labor. His wife and son lived in summer 1945 in a house of her relatives in the rural community Ivande in Kurzeme; later they moved back to the farm of her father in the rural community Zaube; according to VALDEMARS, they were still living there in 1948. The brother of R.S' father, STERBERGS Janis (born 19 Feb. 1900), a well-known Latvian illustrator, was as DP in West Germany, later immigrated in the USA. The father of R.S. lived together with his wife in West Germany, US Zone, where his wife deceased in ab. 1951. (C). The brother of Mrs. STERBERGS Edgars, RONS Julijs (see card 1117) supposedly lives now in the USA. (C).